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Dear Sirs

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the arrests of members of the Al Hakim family in Iraq. You may be interested to know that Amnesty International initiated two Urgent Action appeals on behalf of members of the Al Hakim family on 24 May 1983 and on 20 June 1983. Please find enclosed copies of these appeals together with a copy of the AI International Newsletter which features the arrests.

We have also received a number of similar letters from other concerned people, who unfortunately, did not include their addresses for a reply. If you know of any such people, we would be very grateful if you could inform them of Amnesty International's action with regard to these arrests.

With best wishes

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